

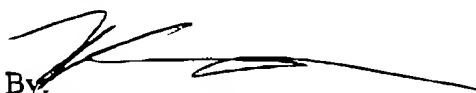
In view of the above, therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Shimada is not prior art to Applicant's invention as claimed by claims 1 and 2 and claims 1 and 2 are not anticipated thereby.

In view of the above, therefore, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered, favorably considered and the case passed to issue.

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